

## Social Studies Writing Ideas

Here are some generic writing assignments that may be able to be modified to fit your curriculum. Remember to always think of your curriculum first and make the assignment meaningful. Remember also that these writing assignments can/should be of various lengths. Some could be a couple sentences, some paragraph length and even some full papers. Think about having students write a(n):

1. Reaction to a lesson or video
2. Summary of a lesson video
3. Comparison/contrast between two subjects/areas
4. James Bond story (story based on the geography or history of a region following the James Bond story style)
5. Answer to an essay question on a test
6. Definition to a key term or set of terms
7. Narrative describing a story from their past for a family tree project
8. Paragraph/paper written from the point of view of a historical character
9. Documented paragraph/paper
10. Evaluation of their progress in learning material or completing assignment
11. Letter to the editor
12. News article about an event in history or in current events
13. Travel brochure about a country or period of history
14. Children's book teaching a concept
15. Cause-effect paragraph/paper illustrating the relationship between critical events in history or society
16. Movie review comparing real life to a re-creation
17. Poem about a critical moment in history/current events/etc...
18. Biography of a person critical to the topic studied
19. Description of a career within the curriculum area
20. Questions that they have about a lesson or critical concept
21. Justification for having a well developed social studies/humanities program within a district
22. Discussion of ways to use a social studies concept in the "real world"